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BOND ISSUE TO BUILD ROADS IS UP TO THE PEOPLE

The People Will Have to Drop Some of Their Selfishness and be Broader in Their Spirit and Actions if They Want to Prosper and Progress.

If the people of Lawrence county wait for a proposition to build roads that will exactly suit everybody they will be waiting in their graves a thousand years from now.

The NEWS does not know who drafted the petition under which the vote on bonds is to be taken Dec. 29th, but we know that it would be impossible to present any plan to which no objection can be found. Some men no doubt will say they could offer something better, but in such cases the chief difference would be in the fact that a route would be changed so as to pass alongside their place. So it is impossible to please everybody.

If the people could bring themselves to the point of laying aside enough selfishness to be willing to help get the good roads enterprise started, it will be extended to all parts of the county in a few years. The experience everywhere is that when a county once gets some good roads the people will find a way to complete the system. The roads pay for themselves, but it is difficult to get people to accept this statement who have never personally known the advantages of good roads.

May Lose Federal Aid.
Kentucky's share of the Federal Aid appropriation made by Congress is so nearly exhausted that unless Lawrence county votes a bond issue right away we will have no chance to get in on this money, which would constitute the largest percentage of aid possible to receive on the road passing through the county from Boyd to Johnson. If the people vote down the present proposition they can say good-bye to all chances for Federal aid so far as can be seen now.

No River Bridge Needed.
One of our correspondents says a man who is opposing the bond issue claims it would be necessary under the proposition of Dec. 29th to build a bridge across the river at Louisa at a cost of \$100,000. Such a statement is ridiculous. There are already two bridges available for the route to the county seat of Martin. One is a toll bridge at Louisa and the other is a free bridge two miles and a half miles above Louisa. The latter belongs to the county and is in direct line to Inez.

Cost of Roads.
Another statement this correspondent inquires about is that hard roads will cost \$37,000 per mile. It would not only be unnecessary, but most unwise to build roads that would cost that amount. It can be done if they are made wide enough and the most expensive material is used, but nobody who is in favor of good roads in Lawrence county believes that such a policy should be followed.

We are reliably informed that a Lawrence county engineer employed by the State to build roads in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky recently stated that hard roads can be built in Lawrence county at a cost of \$12,000 per mile and that these roads will meet the requirements of the State Roads department.

The sad fact is evident that a lot of men in this county will vote against any road proposition unless they receive a guarantee that the road will be built in front of their door. Such extreme selfishness as this is the thing that will keep us buried in the mud and prevent all progress and enterprise that can possibly be kept out of our county.

Many of our best citizens are moving away from Lawrence county to places that already have good roads. They would prefer to remain with the people they know, but have lost hope of improvement.

Senator Lodge Shows What Actuates Him

New York.—The Rev. Dr. D. D. Irvine, commissioner of the Society for American and British Friendship, charged that Senator Lodge had refused to listen to him unless he had something to say against President Wilson or the League of Nations. Dr. Irvine quoted Senator Lodge as saying in the presence of himself and three other members of the society:

"Doctor, if you have anything to say against the President or against the League of Nations, we want to hear you. But if you have anything to say for the President or for the League of Nations we haven't time to listen to you."

"I solemnly swear as a Christian churchman and on my honor as a gentleman that he made this statement about the President and League of Nations."

Dr. Irvine said that, in revealing Senator Lodge's remarks, he was breaking the confidence imposed by a private interview. That interview, he said, took place August 31, when he and his associates went to protest against appearance of Sinn Fein leaders before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

SOLD A FARM.

Dr. Proctor Sparks, of Louisa, has sold a farm on Upper Blaine to C. K. Dobyns, a citizen of that neighborhood.

TOO MUCH RAIN.

The excessive rains of the last two months have wrought great damage to the farmers of this part of the country. In addition to rotting the corn and potatoes there have been many heavy losses from high creeks and a big stage in the river. Much corn was swept away by the high water. The Blaine valley suffered greatly in this way, many farmers losing practically all of their corn.

The rains of this week have brought the river to a high stage again.

ACTIVE AT 81 YEARS.

Mr. John Fannin, of Hubbardtown, W. Va., was in the NEWS office Tuesday to renew his subscription. He has been a subscriber almost ever since the paper was started 34 years ago. He is 81 years old and is very active. He cultivated four acres of land this season alone, besides milking his cows and doing the chores about home. He says Sunday is his hardest day, because he can not work. If everybody had the work habit like he has it, the high cost of loafing would not be troubling the country today.

OIL DRILLING IN 34 COUNTIES

Kentucky Comes To The Front as a Great Oil Producer.

Harbourville, Ky.—Nearly every section of Kentucky is represented in the petroleum prospecting now under way, apart from the 14 counties in which commercial pools have been developed, and markets established, 34 counties being centers of advance activity.

At the beginning of the month approximately 900 drilling rigs were in operation in all districts. Winter will probably bring a lessening of activity, but the prevailing prices of crude oil will keep oil operations going as lively as possible.

East of the Lee-Estlin-Powell fields and extending through to the West Virginia border many counties are being tried out. Magoffin county has eight to ten tests under way. The southwestern Petroleum Co., one of the leading producers in Lee, has moved three rigs into Magoffin this month. The northeastern section of the county will be tested. The Universal Oil Co. in a late test on the Blanton lease, got a good showing at 1700 feet.

In the Big Sandy territory the counties of Floyd and Knott contain about a dozen new tests, while Johnson county shows an equal number of wells drilling. Deep oil is the objective of all operators in that section.

In Western Kentucky many new wells have been drilled in the Allen-Warren district. In Allen county, among late completions, was a 50-barrel strike made by Snowden Bros. on the Tabor lease.

Some time ago Pennsylvania crude oil advanced and this was followed a day or two ago by an advance in the price of Texas and mid-continent field oils by the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. This last upturn was apparently the signal for an advance in crude oil prices in all of the various fields. It appears that the rise in crude must necessitate a commensurate rise in the petroleum products. It is not expected, however, that there will be any advance in gasoline for the time being and this may not eventuate until next summer when it is expected that the demand will outstrip anything that has before been known. The automobile industry is increasing capacity daily, which makes for a decided increase in gas demands. Lubricating oils will probably respond almost immediately to the advance in crude, as in addition to domestic consumption there is a heavy export demand.

Chicago May Get Rev. F. F. Shannon

It seems quite probable now that Rev. F. F. Shannon will accept the pastorate of the Central Church in Chicago. He preached there last Sunday for the second time and will fill the pulpit again next Sunday. Mrs. Shannon is with him in Chicago.

Dr. Gunsaulus is preaching in Mr. Shannon's pulpit in Brooklyn during his absence.

On Sunday night Rev. Shannon spoke to 3000 people at the Sunday Evening Club on the subject, "The Things Which Are Not Shaken."

C. B. BROMLEY SELLS HIS SHOE STOCK

C. B. Bromley sold his stock of shoes Monday to some Pittsburg jobbers who are securing the country for merchandise. They have shipped the shoes to Pittsburg and will sell them at wholesale. These men made an effort to buy some of the largest stores in town, with the intention of shipping the goods to their house in Pittsburg.

This appears to confirm the persistent reports of the shortage of merchandise and the continued rise in prices that will result from this condition. The strikes and the inefficiency of labor, along with the abnormal demands of the world, are causing an alarming shortage of goods in nearly all lines.

Mr. Bromley will continue his repair business.

COAL STRIKE NOT YET SETTLED AND SUPPLY IS SHORT

Big Increase Refused by the Union Leaders and U.S. Now has the Case.

No agreement has been reached with the coal miners. An increase of 30 per cent is not satisfactory to the grasping union leaders and the matter has been passed up to the U. S. Cabinet. This body sat for six hours on the case Tuesday and met again Wednesday. Drastic action in behalf of the public should be taken. The price of coal is already very high and the increase offered the miners will add from 40 to 60 cents per ton.

Coal Supply Very Short.
Washington, Nov. 25.—With less than forty per cent of the normal output of bituminous coal being produced, the nation is facing its most serious period since the strike of soft coal miners was ordered, according to reports received today by the railroad administration.

In several cities the number of industries in operation is rapidly falling, while the nation's coal bin continues to diminish. Officials held out only a ray of hope for increased production, while last week's reports showed an increase over the previous week and indications were that the production of fifty per cent of normal this week.

Officials said they could not expect sufficient production to check the drain on the national supply until all differences between the miners and operators are ironed out by the conference here.

Household Needs Pressing.
Meanwhile temperatures in the northern half of the nation have dropped and the cry for coal for household purposes grows louder. So far, the supplies have dealt out rather liberally to meet this demand, it was said, but further releases of coal must be limited if the nation is not to face a serious tie-up of industry as well as transportation before normal production is again restored.

Non-union districts, while showing some loss in men returning to work, still hold firm, reports show. In some districts, it was said, men have gone back to their jobs in large numbers but in many mining areas the unions have continued to keep the mines closed.

Rev. H. O. Chambers writes that he has changed his work to Fountain Inn, S. C. Greer was the place to which he was first assigned.

LAWRENCE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

A number of farmers representing Lawrence county met Saturday, Nov. 22, in County Agent Baker's office and Ralph J. Morgan, district agent for Eastern Kentucky, outlined the plan of organization for a County Farm Bureau and how it has been organized in 26 counties in Kentucky. Also, that the farmers from these counties met in Louisville Saturday, Nov. 8, and formed the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. Also, that last week farmers from 33 States met at Chicago to form the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The objects of the National Association are generally, to have a committee of farmers at Washington to represent them on all legislative acts relative to farmers; to conduct cost of production problems and thereby advise to the city consumers the actual cost of production and prove that it is not the farmer who is profiteering.

The objects of the State Association are: To have a committee of farmers at Frankfort to represent them on all acts brought up relative to farmers, including a bill for the continuation of agricultural extension work in co-operation with the College of Agriculture.

The local County Farm Bureau is based on three principles: Better agriculture, better business methods and better living conditions.

The local farm bureau has an office and community rest room for farmers wives at the county seat, a thing that has always been neglected in Kentucky.

National market quotations are received several times daily for its members.

An exchange board is kept advertising things to be bought and sold in the county.

A news bulletin is issued every week to its members. In other words it is a business association for the purpose of running a farmer's business the same as a Chamber of Commerce helps out the city business man.

The farmers present at Louisa were very enthusiastic about working up a Farm Bureau for Lawrence county and resolved to put the plan before the farmers of the county in a series of community meetings and organize by the first of the year so that Lawrence county farmers can affiliate with the State Federation of Farm Bureau at Louisville in January.

Watch out for the meeting in your community and be sure and come and hear all about this great farm organization movement.

JOHN H. MCCLURE, Secretary, Lawrence County Farm Bureau.

REPORTED PROFITEERING.

Some interesting stories are going around about U. S. detectives catching some Ashland merchants for profiteering, but we do not know whether or not they are true. The arrest of a woman who sells ladies apparel in Huntington is denied.

PIKEVILLE MAN HELD.

United States Commissioner Frank W. Howell, Dayton Ohio, appeared in behalf of Ray D. Keels, Pikeville Ky., who pleaded guilty to having morphine in his possession. Judge Howell said the boy comes from a prominent Pikeville family and had never partaken of a narcotic until after his entrance into the army. He said the boy had been cured during the two months he had passed in the Dayton jail. Judge Peck said it would be an unkindness to the youth to release him at this time and that he could better cope against the drug habit if he were confined 30 days longer. That was the order of Court, with an assessment for the costs.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

DETAILS OF JUDGE YOUNG'S DEATH

Four Men in the Machine and Two Were Killed and Two Injured.

Lexington, Ky.—The bodies of Judge William A. Young, of Morehead, Circuit Judge of the Bath-Rowan-Montgomery district, and Harley Sexton, of Frenchburg, former County Judge of Menifee county, who were killed by a C. & O. freight train at Brighton Station Wednesday afternoon of last week, were taken to their homes for burial. Dr. J. M. Nash and S. N. Williams, both of Frenchburg, were slightly injured, and Curt Pieratt, Frenchburg, escaped unhurt.

Judge Young was on his way to be with his brother, Judge Allie W. Young, who was about to undergo an operation at Louisville. Missing the train at Mt. Sterling, the party started to Lexington by automobile. Williams was driving. He said he did not see the train until within ten feet of the tracks. He averted the machine to the right. It dashed over a ten-foot embankment, overturned and threw Judges Young and Sexton on the tracks in front of the approaching train. Nash and Pieratt jumped. Williams remained at the steering wheel and was underneath the machine when assistance reached them. Judge Young gained a national reputation when he secured the acquittal of Judge James Hargis in the Breathitt county feud cases. He was appointed Circuit Judge to fill out the unexpired term of his brother, Judge Allie Young, and was re-elected. For twelve years he was a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee.

The Body of Mrs. Alice Porter Arrives

The body of Mrs. Alice Hatcher Porter arrived in Louisa Monday evening and was taken to the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hatcher. Mrs. Porter died last Wednesday in Philadelphia. A sister, Mrs. A. H. McClure, is expected to arrive from Arizona Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lankes and the trained nurse who was in charge of the case of Mrs. Porter during her illness accompanied the body to this place. Mrs. Lankes is the daughter of Mrs. Porter.

The time for the funeral has not been fixed owing to the uncertainty as to when Mrs. McClure will reach here, but it will probably be held on Thursday afternoon.

LATER:—We are informed that the funeral probably will take place at 2 p. m. Thursday, at the residence, Rev. H. B. Hewlett will conduct the services.

OFFICIAL STATE VOTE COUNTED

Prohibition Carries by Ten Thousand and Morrow Wins by Over 40,000.

Frankfort, Ky.—The state-wide prohibition amendment carried in Kentucky by 10,717. There were 208,755 votes for the amendment and 198,028 against it. The amendment for removal of officers permitting mob violence received a majority of 46,249 votes, as there were 88,679 votes for and 42,430 against. These figures were announced Monday by the State Election Commissioners who canvassed the vote cast in the November election.

A comparison of the vote in the Governor's race with that cast in 1915 shows that 23,321 more votes were polled at the last election than when Senator A. O. Stanley was elected to be Governor four years ago. In that election Governor Stanley received 219,991 votes, Edwin P. Morrow 218,529 votes, Fred J. Drexler, on the Progressive ticket, 3,371; Charles Dobbs, on the Socialist ticket, 3,307; and L. L. Pickett, on the Prohibition ticket, 4,201.

At the recent election Morrow received 254,290 votes, Black 214,114 and George Becker, on the Socialist ticket, 4,221. The Progressive party and the Prohibition party did not have candidates on the ticket.

BIG DEALS IN BUSINESS LOTS LAST MONDAY

The Roffe and Swetnam Property, Old Land Marks Bring Good Prices.

On last Monday the Snyder and Woods lots on Main and Main Cross streets in Louisa were sold at public auction and brought a total of \$27,400.

W. M. Fulkerson bought the lots fronting on Main and one at the rear of those three, facing on Main Cross.

The others were bought by Mrs. Carrie Adams, Wesley Jordan. The lots are located in the business district and it is the last sale of that number of well located business lots that Louisa will see for many years. This was known as the Roffe property for a quarter of a century.

Another Tract Sold.

On the same day J. P. Gartin closed a deal with G. V. Meek for the plat of ground opposite the C. & O. passenger depot, formerly known as the Swetnam property.

Mr. Gartin bought this with the intention of dividing it into lots and putting them on the market.

TO BE INITIATED.

Ed. L. Wellman, John E. Vaughan, Ollie Heeter, C. E. Hensley and Ed. K. Spencer, of Louisa, went to Ashland Wednesday to take the Knights Templar and Shrine degrees. Chilt Holbrook, formerly of Blaine, is also among the number.

Wm. Mordica and G. R. Burgess will attend to witness the punishment.

18,000 SOLDIERS' BODIES TO COME BACK SOON

Washington, Nov. 24.—Secretary Baker has given instructions to the Quartermaster General of the army to make immediate plans for the return to the United States of 18,000 soldier dead, buried in what is known as the "zone of the interior" in France, in those cases where the nearest relative has so requested.

No bodies will be returned for the present from the "zone of the armies," because the French Government has not yet assented to the removal of bodies from that zone.

All bodies to be returned from the "zone of the interior" will come from sections of France which are outside the war zone.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Philip C. Bishop, 28, to Hallie Holbrook, 17, of Hicksville.
Virgil Caudill, 32, to Lillie Steele, 22, of Ashland and Cordell.
Henry C. Bishop, 24, to Rotha May Holing, 18, of Blaine.

OPERATIONS IN LOCAL OIL FIELD

Another good well has been completed on the Rebecca Peters farm on Two Mile.

The W. Va. Oil, Gas & By Products company has just cased its No. 18 well near Potter.

No. 4 on the Conley lease near Potter is due to drill in today.

Harry Creel and brother have bought a drilling outfit and will put it to work in this field.

A drilling machine was brought to Louisa on a boat this week and will be taken to the upper Blaine field, where the demand for drilling is very strong. Stevens & Garrison, of Campton, are shipping a drilling outfit to upper Blaine. They will drill the first well for J. Iarasky and associates on Coal creek. Then they start work on a number of wells for the Union Gas & Oil company.

McKelvy & Johnson, of Pittsburgh, will drill a well on E. E. Shannon's 500 acre tract in this county on Rockcastle, near the Martin county line and about 12 miles southeast of Louisa.

F. H. Yates' well at Mattie is being drilled in and should have been completed Wednesday evening of this week.

Berea Grit in Johnson.

The Paintsville Herald says:—Oil is being found in the Berea sand at a depth of about 1000 feet; this sand ranges in thickness from 40 to 60 feet, the pay sand varying in thickness in the different localities. This field is located in Johnson county about nine miles northwest of Paintsville and extends from the mouth of McKenize Branch of Paint creek to the Stambaugh Branch of Toms creek, a distance of approximately six miles, and is thought to be about four miles in width. The McKenize Branch well which was drilled in a few weeks ago is estimated from 10 to 12 barrels, while the Stambaugh well which is six miles east on the Stambaugh branch is estimated 12 to 16 barrels.

The F. M. Hondel Oil & Gas Co., of Paintsville, Ky., is getting ready to drill a test well in this sand at the Mouth of Ramey Branch of Mud Lick about midway between the two above mentioned wells. Berea oil is the highest grade oil found in Kentucky and is called the Pennsylvania grade by experts who have examined this oil.

While the production in the Berea is not expected to be mammoth, nevertheless the long life of these wells, and high grade of production makes operating in this sand very attractive. C. L. Patterson & Co., experienced operators of Pennsylvania, who have

MOVING TO OHIO.

Mart Laney, a good citizen and native of our county, has bought a farm at Beaver, Ohio, and is moving to that place. We take pleasure in commending him to the citizens of his new community as a thoroughly honest man and a desirable citizen.

CIRCUIT JUDGE APPOINTED.
Henry Prewitt, of Mt. Sterling, has been appointed Circuit Judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge W. A. Young.

SHADE COMBS, YOUR SON, DISABLED, WANTS YOU

Willard Combs, a disabled soldier, 499 Emerson street, Denver, has written to The Courier-Journal in an effort to locate his father, Shade Combs, who, he says, is a coal miner.

Combs last heard from his father in 1916. He was then in Jackson, Ky. Shade Combs is about 54 years old and is a native of Kentucky.

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE THURSDAY

Rev. Pope Will Preach at the M. E. Church South Thursday Morning.

Rev. J. T. Pope, pastor of the Baptist Church, will preach the union Thanksgiving sermon at the M. E. Church South on Thursday morning of this week at 10:00 o'clock. All the churches will take part in the services and an invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

Following the custom that has prevailed for many years in Louisa to hold a union service on Thanksgiving and to rotate as to pastor and church, it was found that the duty and pleasure for this year falls as announced above. This changes the announcements made Sunday, but it seems to be agreeable all around.

What the Best Miners Say About It

A coal miner coming over from the West Virginia coal fields to the Big Sandy had a pay envelope showing his earnings to be \$173 for two weeks work.

A native of this county who is working at the mines up Tur river was at home a few days ago and told us he gets eight to nine dollars a day for eight hours work and pays one dollar for board. He says the men mining coal there make \$12 a day and work short hours. He has refused to join the union and says the demand for higher wages is not indorsed by the best class of men.

Another Lawrence county man employed at mining was in Louisa recently and said all this trouble and these outrageous demands are the result of the grafting "union agitators" and a lot of foreigners and d-d thugs.

The public, who pays the bills in the end, is entitled to know the facts about the situation and these reports are from our own home people who are on the ground.

HAUGHABOO-CALDWELL.

Mr. Leander C. Caldwell popular teacher of Boyd county, and Miss Susan B. Haughaboo, of Mayville, were married. Both are teaching in the Ashland schools. Mr. Caldwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell and grandson of L. C. Hazlett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Jr., and children, Gene and Mary, moved this week to Paintsville where they will spend the winter. Mr. Wallace is interested in the oil fields of Johnson county.

very valuable holdings in this belt with 50 to 60 barrel production, are making extensive preparations to develop their properties.

Big Injun Sand.

That territory lying between the mouth of Hargus creek and the mouth of Little Paint creek is being developed rapidly and the production found in the Big Injun at a depth of about 700 feet is very gratifying.

The Little Paint Oil & Gas company under the management of F. T. D. Wallace has brought in three producers ranging in size from 12 to 35 barrels, pumps are installed and the tank facilities sufficient to make a thorough test of the production. The first two wells were drilled by the Little Paint Oil & Gas company and No. 3 was a joint well by this company and D. T. Evans Interest. No. 3 was first reported a very small producer, but the tape shows today by actual measurement that oil is standing in this well 64 feet from the top of the casing. This bids fair to be 20 to 30 barrels pumper. This field has attracted very little attention from outside sources owing to its remoteness, as well as the tendency on the part of operators to say nothing. One interesting feature regarding this field is the fact that the more recent wells are showing nice production in the Big Lime, as well as the Big Injun and Squaw. The Little Paint Oil & Gas Co. is expecting 6, 4 in within the next two weeks. The tract has just been let for \$100. Geo. Pendleton farm more recently known as the Andy Jayne tract near Rattlesnake branch. This tract was let by the A. P. Gibson Petroleum Co., a Kentucky corporation. This is considered one of the choice tracts in this field and big production is expected.